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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Simms*

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A RESOLUTION requesting that school corporations include a staff development day on Friday, November 6, 2009, to allow middle school teachers to attend the 36th Annual National Middle School Association (NMSA) Conference & Exhibit being held in Indianapolis.

*Whereas, Indiana is pleased to host the 36th Annual National Middle School Association (NMSA) Conference & Exhibit on November 5-7, 2009;*

*Whereas, This is a rare and significant opportunity for middle school educators in Indiana to obtain in-depth professional development specifically related to the academic and developmental needs of young adolescent learners;*

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*Whereas, This outstanding conference draws nearly 10,000 middle school educators from all 50 states and more than 15 foreign countries;*

*Whereas, Historically, about 50 percent of the attendees are from the host state;*

*Whereas, The Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Middle Level Education Association, and other Indiana education stakeholders are working with NMSA to ensure that the conference topics will meet the needs of Indiana educators; and*

*Whereas, The 2009 NMSA Annual Conference & Exhibit will be convenient for a large number of Indiana educators, and school district staff should consider attending: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives requests
- 2           that school corporations include a staff development day on Friday,
- 3           November 6, 2009, to allow middle school teachers to attend, without
- 4           incurring the expense of a substitute teacher, the 36th Annual NMSA
- 5           Conference & Exhibit being held in Indianapolis.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
- 8           Department of Education, the Indiana Association of Public School
- 9           Superintendents, the Indiana School Boards Association, The Indiana
- 10          Association of School Principals, the Indiana State Teachers
- 11          Association, the Indiana Federation of Teachers, the Indiana Middle
- 12          Level Education Association, and the National Middle School
- 13          Association.

